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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
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For: METHOD OF TREATING GASES ISSUED FROM A SINTERING PLANT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, and 8-11 as per attached with this preliminary amendment. In addition, please add claims 12-22 as per attached with the preliminary amendment. Pursuant to the new rules implementing the AIPA, a clean copy of the amended claims is attached along with a marked-up copy of the claims indicating the proposed claims amendments.